

I CLAIM:

1. A member for supporting a pack, bag or other article about the waist and/or hips of the wearer of the pack, bag or other article, the member defining a pair of arms adapted to engage the waist and/or hips of the wearer and
5 being made of a flexible material allowing said arms to be manipulated into a selected position against the waist and/or hips of the wearer and further adapted to retain said position when released by the wearer.

2. The member of claim 1 wherein said arms include a flexible core.

10 3. The member of claim 1 wherein the pack, bag or other article includes a front face and defines an interior, said arms being adapted to extend through respective openings defined in the front face of the pack, bag or other article.

15 4. The member of claim 1 wherein the pack, bag or other article includes a front face and defines an interior, the member further comprising a base interconnecting said pair of arms, the member being adapted to be positioned within the interior of the pack, bag or other article in a relationship wherein said base is located within the interior and the arms extend through respective openings defined in the front face of the pack, bag or other article.

20 5. The member of claim 1 wherein a strap interconnects the arms and is adapted to move the arms towards each other when the pack, bag or other article is mounted over the back of the wearer.

25 6. The member of claim 1 wherein the pack, bag or other article is a golf bag adapted to be carried in a generally horizontal orientation and includes an outer surface and a handle, the member being adapted to be suspended from the handle of the golf bag and the arms being manipulable into a flexed engaged position against the waist and/or hips of the wearer.

30 7. The member of claim 6 comprising an elongate flexible core surrounded by a sleeve including a tongue adapted to be wrapped around the handle of the golf bag for securing the member to the golf bag.

8. The member of claim 1 wherein the pack, bag or other article is a golf bag adapted to be carried in a generally vertical orientation, the golf bag including a front face and the arms of the member extending outwardly from the front face and being manipulable into a flexed engaged position against the waist and/or hips of the wearer.

9. A pack adapted to be suspended from the shoulders of a wearer, the pack including a shell defining a hollow interior and a support member located within the interior of the pack and defining a pair of arms extending through the shell and adapted to engage the waist and/or hips of the wearer, the arms being made of a flexible material allowing the arms to be manipulated into a selected position about the waist and/or hips of the wearer and further adapted to retain said manipulated position when released by the wearer.

10. The pack of claim 9 wherein the shell of the pack defines a front face having a pair of openings defined therein, said pair of arms protruding through said pair of openings respectively.

11. The pack of claim 10 further including a pair of sleeves extending outwardly from the front face thereof in the region of said openings defined therein, said pair of arms extending through said pair of sleeves respectively.

12. The pack of claim 9 wherein a strap interconnects and extends between said arms, said strap being adapted to engage against the back of the wearer and bring said arms together into engagement against the waist and/or hips of the wearer.

13. The pack of claim 9 wherein said support member is an elongate flexible rod.

14. The pack of claim 13 wherein the rod is made of a flexible core material.

15. The pack of claim 13 further including a bottom panel and the rod extending along the bottom panel in a generally "U" shaped configuration.

16. An article adapted to be carried by an individual and defining an outer surface, the article including a support member made of a flexible material allowing the support member to be manipulated into a selected position and shape about the waist and/or hips of the individual and further adapted to retain said manipulated position and shape when released by the individual.

17. The article of claim 16 comprising a back pack defining a hollow interior and including straps for suspending the back pack in an over-the-back relationship, the back pack further including a front face and the support member defining a pair of manipulable arms extending outwardly from said front face.

18. The article of claim 17 wherein said pack includes a pair of sleeves protruding outwardly from the front face thereof, said arms extending through the interior of said back pack and into said sleeves.

19. The article of claim 18 wherein a strap interconnects and extends between said arms, said strap being adapted to abut against the back of the individual and bring said arms together.

20. The article of claim 16 comprising a golf bag defining an outer surface and adapted to be carried in a generally horizontal over-the-back orientation, the support member defining a pair of arms extending away from the outer surface of the golf bag and being manipulable into a flexed position against the waist and/or hips of the individual.

21. The article of claim 20 wherein the arms comprise an elongate flexible core surrounded by a sleeve including a tongue adapted to be wrapped around a handle on the golf bag.

22. The article of claim 16 comprising a golf bag defining a front face and adapted to be carried in a generally vertical over-the-back orientation, the support member defining a pair of arms extending outwardly from the front face and being manipulable into a flexed engaged position against the waist and/or hips of the individual.

23. The article of claim 22 wherein a strap interconnects the arms, the strap being adapted to engage against the back of the individual and bring said arms together when the golf bag is mounted over the back of the individual.

5 24. The article of claim 23 wherein a pair of straps extend between the ends of the arms respectively and the outer surface of the golf bag, said straps being adapted to restrict the upward movement of said arms relative to the outer surface of the golf bag.